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ABSTRACT

The National Spelling Bee, which is designed to help boys and girls improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, and develop correct English usage, began in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1925 with nine sponsoring newspapers and contestants. The contest is now sponsored by daily and Sunday newspapers throughout the United States. Newspapers pay an annual sponsorship fee which goes into a fund to be used for awards and for the operation of the National Spelling Bee. The only requirements which a sponsor must fulfill concern the age and grade of the speller it sends to the National Spelling Bee. The speller must not reach his sixteenth birthday on or before the date of the national finals, and he must not have passed beyond the eighth grade. Every contestant participating in the National Spelling Bee in Washington receives a cash award, the amount depending on his or her order of finish in the competition. Some of the contest rules are: contests for classroom, school, district, city or regional championships may be conducted either in writing or orally, or a combination of the two; and words used in the national finals shall be selected from the book "Words of the Champions," from the lists used in the various city and regional contests, and from "Webster's Third New International Dictionary" and its 1966 Addenda Section. (SW)

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WHAT THE BEE IS

The National Spelling Bee is designed to help boys and girls improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives.

The only way a child may participate in the National Spelling Bee is through the sponsorship of a daily or Sunday newspaper.

BEE HISTORY

The Louisville Courier-Journal started the National Spelling Bee in 1925 with nine sponsoring newspapers and contestants from Houston, Trenton, Hartford, South Bend, Detroit, Akron, New Haven, Oklahoma City, and Louisville. The nine contestants, three boys and six girls, gathered in Washington in May. They spent a week sightseeing and met President Coolidge.

The mother of one contestant wrote in her diary: "The President seemed not to even notice the children—took off his straw hat and had his picture taken with them—put back the straw hat and walked immediately to his office." Frank Neuhauser, representing the Louisville Courier-Journal, won the first National Spelling Bee.

In 1941 Scripps-Howard Newspapers acquired the rights to the National Spelling Bee from the Courier-Journal. The 1951 Scripps-Howard sponsored Bee had 26 participating newspapers representing 23 states. The finals were broadcast nationally over radio and public schools in many states suspended study to "listen in" to the highlights.

Since 1925 the Bee has been held every year, except for the World War II years of 1943-44-45. It is conducted on a

non-commercial, non-profit bases. The number of contestants and number of sponsoring newspapers has grown from nine to more than 70, and represents approximately two-thirds of the states. It is estimated that more than 7½ million children annually participate in the Bee at the local level.

HOW TO BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

The National Spelling Bee is sponsored by daily and Sunday newspapers throughout the United States.

Newspapers pay an annual sponsorship fee which goes into a fund to be used for awards and for the operation of the National Spelling Bee. Papers are assigned territories in which to conduct their competitions locally. Territories range from single counties to entire states, and are usually defined by the circulation area of the sponsoring newspaper. The territory of one sponsor never overlaps that of another.

Sponsorships are awarded and reviewed annually. A sponsorship becomes official with the signing of a contract with the National Spelling Bee.

YOUR ROLE AS A SPONSOR

Each sponsor conducts its own competition locally, determines its own rules and procedures, and otherwise operates completely independent of the National Spelling Bee. The only requirements a sponsor must fulfill concern the age and grade in school of the speller it sends to the National Spelling Bee. (see Rule 1)

Most sponsors launch their programs in the fall and bring them to a close with the crowning of their champion in late April or early May.

Each sponsor sends its champion and a newspaper escort to the National Spelling Bee, held annually, generally the first week in June, in Washington, D.C. They remain in Washington approximately six days, two of which are devoted to spelling, which is completely oral, and the remainder to sightseeing and entertainment.

Each sponsor pays the transportation, meal, and hotel expenses of its speller and escort, to and from Washington, and while there. All spellers competing in the National Spelling Bee, and their escorts stay in the same hotel, which serves as headquarters.

WHAT THE NATIONAL SPELLING BEE DOES FOR YOU THE SPONSOR

Prizes

The National Spelling Bee tries to make available to sponsors, at no cost, a number of worthwhile prizes to be awarded locally. These are brought to the sponsor's attention each fall so that they can easily be incorporated into local programs.

Every contestant participating in the National Spelling Bee in Washington receives a cash award, the amount depending upon his or her rank or rating in the competition. First prize is $1000 and a weekend visit to New York City. In recent years, more than $5000 in prizes has been awarded annually at the National Spelling Bee.

The National Spelling Bee also pays for all planned sightseeing tours, scheduled parties, and banquet tickets for both speller and official escort while in Washington.

Word Lists

The National Spelling Bee makes available each year to sponsors a practice spelling booklet entitled WORDS OF THE CHAMPIONS. The cost of this booklet is modest; while sponsors are under no obligation to purchase it, many do and in turn make it available to contestants locally.

The National Spelling Bee also makes available to sponsors each year a list of 600 words, which many use in local competitions. This list is sold only to sponsoring papers. The cost again is modest, and its purchase is entirely the decision of the sponsor. At no time are the word lists used in Washington made available to sponsors or the public.

Informational Material

The National Spelling Bee has informational material that it uses to answer questions on the national contest and to bring pertinent information to the attention of potential sponsors.

Headquarters

The National Spelling Bee is directed from the editorial promotion office of Scripps-Howard Newspapers, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

THE NATIONAL SPELLING BEE — WHAT IT IS IN WASHINGTON

The National Spelling Bee in Washington is organized on a Monday through Friday schedule. Spelling takes place on Wednesday and Thursday, while Monday, Tuesday, and Friday are devoted to sightseeing and other planned activities. The Director of the National Spelling Bee makes all arrangements and schedules all events during Bee Week. While the highlight of Bee Week is the crowning of a

National Champion, every effort is made to make the week a memorable one for all contestants—for each is already a champion.

HINTS FOR ORGANIZING A SPELLING BEE

Organization of a local Spelling Bee, whether it covers a state, county, or city, is not difficult if the proper arrangements are made with public, parochial, and private school officials. A Spelling Bee is no better than the support and cooperation given it by local educators, and their contributions should be recognized as often as possible in the newspaper coverage of your program.

In chronological order, the following steps are vital in organizing the Bee locally:

ARRANGE with schools to select their own schoolroom and school champions.

DIVIDE your city territory into a sufficient number of districts so that you will have in your finals between 15 and 30 district champions.

ARRANGE with schools to stage the district spelldowns among the school champions.

In case parochial, public and private schools are participating, arrangements can be made with school heads for the school champions to compete at the same time in district spelldowns. If not, they can be run separately up to your local finals.

If your local Bee embraces one or more counties, you will probably wish to split your entire territory into districts sufficiently large so that the resultant number of local championship finalists is not too great.

There is considerable public interest in the district spelldowns—as well as the local finals—so if space is available, much promotional good can be obtained by giving these events prominent news play.

Statewide spelldowns—where an individual sponsor's territory is an entire state—are handled differently by various newspapers. The usual procedure is to select county champions and have them appear in a grand final, from which will emerge the state champion. In this case, the counties are the districts.

An issue in some areas is the insistence by educators that spelling be conducted in writing. The decision is entirely up to you on how to best cope with such a situation. At the National Spelling Bee all spelling is done orally, so you would undoubtedly want your champion to have the experience of spelling orally before he or she competes in the National Bee. A happy medium, if local educators insist, might be to make your competition half-oral, half-written, and devise your own ruling on the method of elimination.

Selecting competent pronouncers and judges is an important part of any Spelling Bee. Insist that your officials thoroughly acquaint themselves not only with the rules as you have set them up, but also with the words to be given. Provide officials with the word list well in advance so that they may study it. There is no excuse for ill-prepared officials, and a poor performance can only reflect on you, the sponsor. This same devotion must be a characteristic of the person you pick to direct your Spelling Bee. Choose your director wisely.

Your Spelling Bee should be an enriching experience for all who participate.

CONTEST RULES of the NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

1. City and regional champions participating in the championship finals of the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C. must qualify under two basic requirements: (a) they must not have passed beyond the eighth grade at the time of their individual school finals; and (b) they must not reach their 16th birthday on or before the date of the national finals.

2. Contests for classroom, school, district, city or regional championships may be conducted either in writing or orally, or a combination of the two. The national championship finals, however, shall be an oral competition, with eliminations on a "miss and out" basis in the traditional Spelling Bee manner.

3. Words used in the national finals shall be selected from the "Words of the Champions" books from the lists used in the various city and regional contests, and from Webster's Third New International Dictionary and its 1966 Addenda Section.

4. Words shall be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster's Third New International Dictionary and 1966 Addenda Section, from which the pronouncer shall select the definition or definitions that he gives. With the approval of the judges, he may give a fuller explanation of the meaning of a word to supplement the dictionary definition or definitions quoted.

5. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the contestant a word the contestant may also pronounce the word before spelling it, after spelling it, or, if he so chooses, not at all.

6. The contestant may request the pronouncer to re-pronounce the word, define it, or use it in a sentence. The pronouncer shall grant the request until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant. JUDGES MAY DISQUALIFY ANY CONTESTANT WHO IGNORES A REQUEST TO START SPELLING.

7. Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in the retracing there can be no change of letters and their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters and their sequence are changed in the respelling the speller will be disqualified.

8. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant immediately drops out of the contest. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next contestant.

9. When the contestants are reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the second contestant spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second contestant shall be declared the champion.

10. If one of the last two spellers misses and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word submitted to him then the misspelled new word shall be referred to the first speller. If the first speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word on the pronouncer's list, then he shall be declared champion.

11. If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The contest shall then continue under Rules 9 and 10.

12. Webster's Third New International Dictionary and 1966 Addenda Section, shall serve as the final authority for the spellings of words in the national finals. If a word has two or more accepted spellings, only the spellings set in boldface type and separated by the word or, and in some cases the word also, at the beginning of the descriptive matter will be accepted as correct. Words having the labels archaic and obsolete (abbreviated obs) and regional labels (like North, Midland, South, Brit (ish), Irish) will not be accepted as correct.

13. Any question relating to the spelling of a word should be referred to the judges immediately. The deadline for making a protest is before the contestant affected would have received his next word had he stayed in the contest. No protest will be entertained after that word has been given another speller. When only two spellers remain, a protest must be made immediately, that is, before the second speller has started to spell the word given him, or, if both have missed the same word, before the correct spelling is given the audience.

14. The judges are in complete control of the Bee. Their decision shall be final on all questions.

15. Any child having once won a National Spelling Bee championship is ineligible for further competition in the National Spelling Bee.

FACT SHEET

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NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

*** If you need assistance, these members of the National Spelling Bee Headquarters Staff, in the Pan American Room, or in the Grand Ballroom on spelling days, will help you:

Mary Case Weir, assistant to the director; Pat Cole, Elaine Enerson, Patty Pugh, Nancy Wagner, Mary Welgos, Barbara Wagner, Virginia Williams, Joe Williams, and James H. Wagner, director.

SPONSORS: Scripps-Howard Newspapers in 14 cities, and 62 other daily and Sunday papers.

NUMBER OF FINALISTS: 80 boys and girls, an all-time record. They represent 76 newspaper sponsors. (The New York Daily News is represented by four contestants, and The San Juan Star, with its Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands Bees, with two contestants.)

NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS: It is estimated that more than 7 and a half million children participated at the local level.

ELIGIBLE: Students who have not reached their 16th birthday, and have not passed beyond the 8th grade.

BEE HISTORY: This is the 47th National Spelling Bee. The Louisville Courier-Journal started the event as a national competition in 1925 with nine contestants. In 1941, Scripps-Howard Newspapers acquired the rights to the program from the Courier-Journal. There was no National Spelling Bee in the World War II years of 1943-44-45.

BREAKDOWN OF 1974 FINALISTS:

1. There are 80 champions participating.

2. Of the 80 champions, 40 are girls and 40 are boys. Last year there were 40 girls and 38 boys. The year before, 47 girls and 32 boys. This is the first time in modern Bee history that the girl-boy ratio has been the same. Girls normally dominate. Of the 49 champions crowned since the National Spelling Bee began, 28 have been girls and 21 boys. (On three occasions, co-champions were named.)

3. Ages of the 1974 finalists --- 24 are 14 years old; 40 are 13 years old; 13 are 12 years old; and three are 11 years old.

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4. The youngest grade-in-school represented this year is the 5th grade. There is one 5th grader. There are six 6th graders. Seventeen are in the 7th grade, and 56 are 8th graders.

5. The 80 finalists have 98 brothers and 94 sisters. The average number of children in the family of a '74 finalist is 3.4. Eleven are from families with six or more children. The average family size last year was 3.3 children. Six spellers have neither brothers nor sisters. Twenty-eight of the spellers' mothers are working mothers. The spellers' parents, both fathers and mothers, are in a variety of occupations. Those occupations with the largest representation are: Teaching, 16; secretarial, eight; nursing, five; farming and ranching, five; medical doctor, four; and pharmacy, three.

6. The spellers come from as far away as Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. They live in rural communities as well as cities. More come from Ohio and Texas than any other state --- eight from each. Pennsylvania is next with seven. Altogether, sponsoring newspapers in this year's Spelling Bee represent 33 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

7. REPEATERS: There are nine; the largest number ever. Seven are repeaters from last year; two from the year before. The '73 repeaters are CAMELLIA JANE PRATT, The Houston Chronicle, who finished third; VICTOR HASTINGS, Orlando Sentinel Star, who finished 15th; MICHAEL KELLEY, The Evansville Press, 31st; MIKE BOWEN, Ventura County Star-Free Press, 43rd; MARY FELTON, Muncie Evening Press, 55th; GRAHAM DRAKE, The Palm Beach Times, 72nd; and JONATHAN LEACH, El Paso Herald-Post, 73rd. The '72 repeaters are DAVID CHERRY, Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster, Pa., 16th, and JOYCE CHRISTOPHER, St. Joseph News-Press, 30th.

8. COINCIDENCES: Amarillo's RON PALMER, and Lubbock's GLENN MARGOLIS, have sisters who competed in previous National Spelling Bees, Ron's sister, Nancy, in 1970, and Glenn's sister, Maridene, in 1971. Pottsville's MARY ELLEN FORD has a cousin, George Gorski, who represented the same newspaper last year, the Republican, that she is representing this year.

9. NEW SPONSORS: There are three new sponsors, The San Juan Star, Virgin Islands, the Minot (N.D.) Daily News, and the Roanoke (Va.) Times & World-News.

10. The first contestant of 1974 will step to the microphone to spell the 8079 word given by Dr. Richard R. Baker in his 14 years as National Spelling Bee pronouncer. (Add another 984 if you want to include "Warm Up" words.)

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LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL FINALS:

It required a total of 518 words to decide the 1973 competition, won By Barrie Trinkle, representing The Fort Worth Press. In 1972, a total of 533 words decided the Bee. The 1971 Bee required 633 words.

By the noon recess in the first day's spelling last year, 283 words had been spelled and 56 contestants remained. Spelling began 30 minutes earlier than it will this year.

At the end of the first day's spelling a year ago, 414 words had been spelled and 25 contestants remained.

NATIONAL PRIZES:

First Prize -- $1000.00 cash, in addition to a trophy cup for the champion, and an engraved plaque for his or her school.

Second Prize -- $500.00
Third Prize --- $250.00

Next Five Prizes -- $100.00 each
Next 10 Prizes ---- $ 75.00 each

Remaining Finalists -- $50.00 each

Cash Prize Total --- $6100.00

Gold medals to all Finalists --- A Ruby-Set Gold Medal to the Champion.

Prize checks to be presented at the National Spelling Bee Awards Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel on Friday, June 7, at 7:00 p.m. Banquet entertainment will include the United States Air Force Ceremonial Band, a Joint Armed Forces Color Guard, and the Summit Singers, from High Point (Md.) Senior High School under the direction of James Hansen. The Summit Singers are making their second appearance at a National Spelling Bee. Contestants finishing one through eight will be honored with seats at the Head Table.

PRONOUNCER:

Dr. Richard R. Baker, professor, Department of Philosophy, the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. This is Dr. Richard Baker's 14th year as National Spelling Bee pronouncer.

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JUDGES:

Chief Judge, Leroy C. Dillard, retired Executive Assistant to the Vice Superintendent, Public Schools of the District of Columbia, and now a Washington banker. Assisted by John H. Lloyd, Washington representative for Scholastic Magazines, Inc., and Boutwell-Crane-Moseley Associates; and Dr. Robert E. Baker, assistant dean, School of Education for Advanced Graduate Studies, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Dillard is serving the National Spelling Bee for the 11th year, Mr. Lloyd for the 13th year, and Dr. Robert Baker for the fifth time.

PROCEDURE:

The actual spelling sessions are Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 and 6. The rest of the week is for sightseeing and entertainment.

In the National Spelling Bee the contestants spell orally.

There will be a "warm up" round, which does not count, at the beginning of the first day. There will be no "warm up" round prior to the start of the second day's spelling. "Warm up" words will be posted in the Pan American Room and Cabinet Room early in the week.

TELEVISION:

For the first time in its history, the National Spelling Bee will be televised nationally by the Public Broadcasting System. A special one-hour telecast, underwritten by a grant from IBM, will be aired by WETA-TV, Washington, Channel 26, from 8 p.m. to 9, EDT, June 6. A repeat showing is scheduled for 5 p.m., EDT, June 9. Should the impeachment hearings be televised, the Spelling Bee will go on the air one hour earlier, June 6, from 7 p.m. to 8.

BEE HEADQUARTERS:

Pan American Room, first floor, Mayflower Hotel, June 3 through June 7. This room will open at approximately 9 o'clock each morning (at 8:30 on spelling days) and remain open until 10 each night. It will be manned by a member of the staff until 6 daily.

PRESS ROOM:

As a convenience to the press, the Cabinet Room will again serve solely as a Press Room. It is next to the Pan American

Room, and can be entered through the Pan American Room. There will be a dozen typewriters, along with Western Union facilities. It will open at the same time as the Pan American, but will remain open until 11 p.m., except Friday, June 7, when it closes at 4:30. This room will not be manned by a member of the staff.

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June 5 and June 6, 1974

Champions of Other Years

1925 – Frank Neuhauser, Louisville Courier-Journal
1926 – Pauline Bell, Louisville Courier-Journal
1927 – Dean Lucas, Akron Beacon Journal
1928 – Betty Robinson, South Bend News-Times
1929 – Virginia Hogan, The Omaha World-Herald
1930 – Helen Jensen, Des Moines Register & Tribune
1931 – Ward Randall, White Hall (Ill.) Register-Republican
1932 – Dorothy Greenwald, Des Moines Register & Tribune
1933 – Alma Roach, Akron Beacon Journal
1934 – Sarah Wilson, Portland (Me.) Evening Express
1935 – Clara Mohler, Akron Beacon Journal
1936 – Jean Trowbridge, Des Moines Register & Tribune
1937 – Waneeta Beckley, Louisville Courier-Journal
1938 – Marian Richardson, Louisville Times
1939 – Elizabeth Ann Rice, Worcester Telegram & Gazette
1940 – Laurel Kuykendall, Knoxville News-Sentinel
1941 – Louis Edward Sissman, Detroit News
1942 – Richard Earnhart, El Paso Herald-Post
(No Bees were held in war years of 1943-44-45)
1946 – John McKinney, Des Moines Register & Tribune
1947 – Mattie Lou Pollard, Atlanta Journal
1948 – Jean Chappelear, Akron Beacon Journal
1949 – Kim Calvin, Canton Repository
1950 – Diana Reynard, Cleveland Press
Colquitt Dean, Atlanta Journal
1951 – Irving Belz, Memphis Press-Scimitar
1952 – Doris Ann Hall, Winston-Salem Journal & Sentinel
1953 – Elizabeth Hess, Arizona Republic
1954 – William Cashore, Norristown (Pa.) Times Herald
1955 – Sandra Sloss, St. Louis Globe-Democrat
1956 – Melody Sachko, Pittsburgh Press
1957 – Sandra Owen, Canton Repository
Dana Bennett, Rocky Mountain News
1958 – Jolitta Schlehuber, Topeka Daily Capital
1959 – Joel Montgomery, Rocky Mountain News
1960 – Henry Feldman, Knoxville News-Sentinel
1961 – John Capehart, Tulsa Tribune
1962 – Nettie Crawford, El Paso Herald-Post
Michael Day, St. Louis Globe-Democrat
1963 – Glen Van Slyke, III, Knoxville News-Sentinel
1964 – William Kerek, Akron Beacon Journal
1965 – Michael Kerpan, Jr., Tulsa Tribune
1966 – Robert A. Wake, Houston Chronicle
1967 – Jennifer Reinke, The Omaha World-Herald
1968 – Robert L. Walters, The Topeka Daily Capital
1969 – Susan Yoachum, Dallas Morning News
1970 – Libby Childress, Winston-Salem Journal & Sentinel
1971 – Jonathan Knisely, Philadelphia Bulletin
1972 – Robin Kral, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
1973 – Barrie Trinkle, Fort Worth Press

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CITY AND REGIONAL CHAMPION

1. KATHLEEN O'NEILL — The Charlotte Observer
   Age 14—8th grade, St. Ann's School, Charlotte, N.C.
2. RON PALMER — Amarillo Globe-News
   Age 14—8th grade, Pampa Junior High, Pampa, Texas
3. PATRICK LEHNERD — The Youngstown Vindicator
   Age 13—8th grade, St. Luke School, Boardman, Ohio
4. HERMON FLEMING — Anchorage Daily Times
   Age 13—8th grade, Central Junior High, Anchorage, Alaska
5. ROBERT DI PAOLO — The Herald-News, Passaic, N.J.
   Age 12—7th grade, Central School, Montville, N.J.
6. DARLENE WAGGONER — The News Virginian, Waynesboro
   Age 13—7th grade, Highland County Elementary School, Monterey, Va.
7. KRISTI YORK — The Fort Worth Press
   Age 12—7th grade, Irma Marsh Middle School, Fort Worth, Texas
8. LEA ANN McCLUNG — Shreveport Journal
   Age 12—6th grade, St. Mary's School, Natchitoches, La
9. MIKE BOWEN — Ventura County Star-Free Press
   Age 13—8th grade, Sinaloa Junior High, Simi Valley, California
10. JANE VAN CONEY — The Cincinnati Post
    Age 14—8th grade, Mt. Healthy North Junior High, Cincinnati, Ohio
11. EILEEN SMITH — New York Daily News, New York, N.Y.
    Age 14—8th grade, St. Michael's School, Flushing, Queens, N.Y.
12. GLENN MARGOLIS — Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
    Age 12—6th grade, Park Hill Elementary School, Big Spring, Texas
13. TARA FARONE — Akron Beacon Journal
    Age 14—8th grade, Boston-Northampton Jnnior High, Peninsula, Ohio
14. LESLIE MULLEN — Ledger-Star, Norfolk, Va.
    Age 13—8th grade, Churchland Junior High, Portsmouth, Va.
15. SHAWN WHITTINGTON — The Corpus Christi Caller-Times
    Age 14—8th grade, North Junior High, Edinburg, Texas
16. ANNE CURRY — Maine Sunday Telegram
    Age 12—6th grade, St. Mary's School, Houlton, Maine
17. DAVID CHERRY — Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster, Pa.
    Age 14—8th grade, Reynolds Junior High, Lancaster, Pa.
18. BONNIE PAINTER — The Pittsburgh Press
    Age 13—7th grade, David E. Williams Junior High, Coraopolis, Pa.
19. LUANN GRIESS — Omaha World-Herald
    Age 13—8th grade, Sutton Public School, Sutton, Nebraska
20. GREGORY J. O'BRIEN — Norristown (Pa.) Times Herald
    Age 14—8th grade, St. Stanislaus School, Lansdale, Pa.
21. PAIGE WOODRUFF — Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, Ind.
    Age 14—8th grade, Fairmount Middle School, Fairmount, Ind.
22. MARY ANN JUNG — The Star-News, Washington, D.C.
    Age 14—8th grade, St. Ambrose School, Cheverly, Maryland
23. HARVEY WARWICK III — St. Petersburg Times
    Age 13—8th grade, Keswick Christian School, St. Petersburg, Fla.
24. MARK OGLE — The Indianapolis News
    Age 13—7th grade, Meridian Middle School, Indianapolis, Ind.
25. TERESA COWDREY — Manchester Union Leader-N.H. Sun. News
    Age 14—8th grade, North Hampton Elementary School, North Hampton, N.H.
26. JACK LONG — The Arizona Republic
    Age 14—8th grade, Royal Palm School, Phoenix, Arizona

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27. MARY ELIZABETH CASSADY Roanoke Times and World-News
Age 13—8th grade, Botetourt Intermediate School, Fincastle, Va.

28. TOM QUINN Lee Newspapers of Montana
Age 13—8th grade, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Great Falls, Montana

29. TONY GENOVA JR. The Canton Repository
Age 13—8th grade, Crestview Middle School, Columbiana, Ohio

30. DAN POSTOTNIK The Cleveland Press
Age 13—7th grade, St. Vitus Catholic School, Cleveland, Ohio

31. MARY B. FELTON The Muncie (Ind.) Evening Press
Age 14—8th grade, Union School, Modoc, Indiana

32. MARY FUKA The Albuquerque Tribune
Age 13—8th grade, Pueblo School, Los Alamos, New Mexico

33. ROGER ALAN WATKINS Atlanta Daily World
Age 13—8th grade, Radium Springs Junior High, Albany, Ga.

34. GAIL MEIER Memphis Press-Scimitar
Age 14—8th grade, St. Ann-Bartlett School, Bartlett, Tenn.

35. GARY BLAGG St. Louis Globe-Democrat
Age 14—8th grade, Neelyville Junior High, Neelyville, Mo.

36. CAROLYN WHITE Syracuse Herald-Journal-American
Age 13—8th grade, Eagle Hill Junior High, Manlius, N.Y.

37. VICTOR HASTINGS Sentinel Star, Orlando
Age 14—8th grade, Maitland Junior High, Maitland, Florida

38. LAYNE JENKINS Wisconsin State Journal
Age 11—6th grade, Bird Elementary School, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

39. ROBERT TISO New York Daily News, Westchester County
Age 13—8th grade, Eastchester Junior High, Eastchester, N.Y.

40. ROSS LYDIARD The Lowell Sun and Sunday Sun
Age 13—7th grade, Acton-Boxborough Junior High, Acton, Mass.

41. JOHN J. SKOVRON Harrisburg Patriot and Evening News
Age 13—8th grade, New Cumberland Junior High, New Cumberland, Pa.

42. PATRICIA McCRACKEN Winston-Salem Journal & Sentinel
Age 14—8th grade, C. C. Erwin Junior High, Salisbury, N.C.

43. MARLA EPPINGA The Detroit News
Age 14—8th grade, Grosse Pointe Christian Day, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

44. DEBRA WALKER Delaware County Daily Times, Chester, Pa.
Age 12—7th grade, Folcroft Junior High, Folcroft, Pa.

45. GRAHAM DRAKE The Palm Beach Times
Age 13—8th grade, Boca Raton Middle School, Boca Raton, Fla.

46. TARA PALAMARIK New York Daily News, New York, N.Y.
Age 14—8th grade, St. Anselm's, Brooklyn, N.Y.

47. CAMELLIA JANE PRATT Houston Chronicle
Age 13—8th grade, McAdams Junior High, Dickinson, Texas

48. ANNETTE YURKOVICH Huntington (W. Va.) Herald-Dispatch
Age 13—8th grade, Gary High School, Gary, W. Va.

49. MARGARET MINER Rocky Mountain News, Denver
Age 14—8th grade, Carey Junior High, Cheyenne, Wyoming

50. MARY ELLEN FORD Pottsville (Pa.) Republican
Age 11—6th grade, St. Kunegunda School, McAdoo, Pa.

51. MARK ECKENWILER The Tulsa Tribune
Age 13—8th grade, Holland Hall, Tulsa, Okla.

52. JEFFREY MAYO The Florida Times-Union
Age 12—7th grade, Baker County Junior High, Macclenny, Fla.

53. ROBERT REDFERN Nevada State Journal-Reno Evng. Gazette
Age 14—8th grade, St. Viators School, Las Vegas, Nevada

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54. JOYCE CHRISTOPHER — St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press
Age 13—8th grade, Harrison County R-IV School, Gilman City, Mo.

55. TRACY WEATHERBY — The San Juan Star, Virgin Islands
Age 13—7th grade, Antilles School, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

56. LISA BATEY — The Oklahoma Journal
Age 13—8th grade, St. James Catholic School, Oklahoma City, Okla.

57. JONATHAN LEACH — El Paso Herald-Post
Age 12—7th grade, Morehead School, El Paso, Texas

58. CLARE BRANDYS — Rockford Morning Star & Register-Republic
Age 13—8th grade, St. Anne's School, Dixon, Ill.

59. PATRICK AUSTIN — The Hammond Times
Age 13—8th grade, St. Thomas More School, Munster, Indiana

60. REBECCA KEPLINGER — Topeka Daily Capital
Age 13—7th grade, Cedar Vale Junior High, Cedar Vale, Kans.

61. PAULA L. DE ARMAS — The Miami Herald
Age 12—7th grade, Mays Junior High, Goulds, Fla.

62. TERRY L. DURAN — San Antonio News
Age 13—8th grade, Terrell Wells Middle School, San Antonio, Texas

63. CATHY CROTTY — Portsmouth (Ohio) Times
Age 13—8th grade, Lucasville Valley Elementary, Lucasville, Ohio

64. LOURDES QUINTANA — The San Juan Star, Puerto Rico
Age 14—8th grade, Parkville Middle School, Parkville, Guaymabo, P.R.

65. WILLIAM J. RODRIGUEZ — The San Diego Union
Age 12—7th grade, Hilltop Junior High, Chula Vista, California

66. GLENN H. REYNOLDS — The Knoxvilie News-Sentinel
Age 13—8th grade, Maryville Junior High, Maryville, Tenn.

67. MARC E. NEEDLES — Philadelphia Bulletin
Age 14—8th grade, Council Rock Intermediate, Richboro, Pa.

68. DAVID HIRE — Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette
Age 13—7th grade, Columbia Township School, Columbia City, Ind.

69. BILL BATCHELOR — Star-News Newspapers, Wilmington, N.C.
Age 11—5th grade, Topsail Elementary School, Hampstead, N.C.

70. ETHAN KENT — New York Daily News, Long Island
Age 12—8th grade, Grand Avenue Junior High, Bellmore, L.I., N.Y.

71. JULIE ANN JUNKIN — Birmingham Post-Herald
Age 12—6th grade, Gordo Elementary School, Gordo, Alabama

72. PAMELA LIVINGSTON — Columbus Citizen-Journal
Age 14—8th grade, St. Mary School, Delaware, Ohio

73. JUSTIN TAYLOR — Minot (N.D.) Daily News
Age 13—8th grade, Towner Public School, Towner, North Dakota

74. CINDY O'CONNELL — The Kentucky Post
Age 12—7th grade, Park Hills School, Park Hills, Ky.

75. JOHN J. SHALHOUB — The Jersey Journal
Age 13—8th grade, Saint Paul's School, Jersey City, N.J.

76. MARK DEWITT — Dayton Daily News
Age 13—8th grade, Troy Junior High, Troy, Ohio

77. MICHAEL KELLEY — The Evansville Press
Age 13—8th grade, Oak Hill School, Evansville, Ind.

78. DUSTIN JOHNSTON — Peoria Journal Star
Age 13—8th grade, East Peoria Central Junior High, East Peoria, Ill.

79. ANN MARIE QUIGLEY — The Buffalo Evening News
Age 13—8th grade, St. Mary of the Angels School, Olean, N.Y.

80. RICHARD HATLEY — The Dallas Morning News
Age 13—7th grade, Judson Junior High, Longview, Texas

CONTEST RULES

1. City and regional champions participating in the championship finals of the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., must qualify under two basic requirements: (a) they must not have passed beyond the eighth grade at the time of their individual school finals; and (b) they must not reach their 16th birthday on or before the date of the national finals.

2. Contests for classroom, school, district, city or regional championships may be conducted either in writing or orally, or a combination of the two. The national championship finals, however, shall be an oral competition, with eliminations on a "miss-and-out" basis in the traditional Spelling Bee manner.

3. Words used in the national finals shall be selected from the "Words of the Champions" book, from the lists used in the various city and regional contests, and from Webster's Third New International Dictionary and its 1966 Addenda Section.

4. Words shall be pronounced according to the diacritical markings in Webster's Third New International Dictionary and 1966 Addenda Section, from which the pronouncer shall select the definition or definitions that he gives. With the approval of the judges, he may give a fuller explanation of the meaning of a word to supplement the dictionary definition or definitions quoted.

5. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the contestant a word, the contestant may also pronounce the word before spelling it, after spelling it, or if he so chooses, not at all.

6. The contestant may request the pronouncer to re-pronounce the word, define it, or use it in a sentence. The pronouncer shall grant the request until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant. JUDGES MAY DISQUALIFY ANY CONTESTANT WHO IGNORES A REQUEST TO START SPELLING.

7. Having started to spell a word, a contestant may stop and start over, retracing the spelling from the beginning, but in retracing there can be no change of letters and their sequence from those first pronounced. If letters and their sequence are changed in the respelling the speller will be disqualified.

8. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the contestant immediately drops out of the contest. The next word on the pronouncer's list is given to the next contestant.

9. When the contestants are reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the second contestant spells that word correctly, plus the next word on the pronouncer's list, then the second contestant shall be declared the champion.

10. If one of the last two spellers misses and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word submitted to him, then the misspelled new word shall be referred to the first speller. If the first speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells the next word on the pronouncer's list, then he shall be declared champion.

11. If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest, and the one who first misspelled the word shall be given a new word to spell. The contest shall then continue under Rules 9 and 10.

12. Webster's Third New International Dictionary and 1966 Addenda Section shall serve as the final authority for the spellings of words in the national finals. If a word has two or more accepted spellings, only the spellings set in boldface type and separated by the word *or*, and in some cases the word *also*, at the beginning of the descriptive matter will be accepted as correct. Words having the labels archaic and obsolete (abbreviated obs) and regional labels (like North, Midland, South, Brit (ish), Irish) will not be accepted as correct.

13. Any question relating to the spelling of a word should be referred to the judges immediately. The deadline for making a protest is before the contestant affected would have received his next word had he stayed in the contest. No protest will be entertained after that word has been given another speller. When only two spellers remain, a protest must be made immediately, that is, before the second speller has started to spell the word given him, or, if both have missed the same word, before the correct spelling is given the audience.

14. The judges are in complete control of the Bee. Their decision shall be final on all questions.

15. Any child having once won a National Spelling Bee championship is ineligible for further competition in the National Spelling Bee.

PRONOUNCER

DR. RICHARD R. BAKER

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Dr. Richard Baker is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. He is serving as pronouncer for the National Spelling Bee championship finals for the fourteenth year.

Mr. Dillard is the retired Executive Assistant to the Vice Superintendent of the District of Columbia Public School System. He is now with the American Security and Trust Co., and is serving on the board of judges for the eleventh time.

Mr. Lloyd, former newspaper reporter, U.S. Office of Education writer, editor, and information specialist for many years, is Washington representative for Scholastic Magazines, Inc., and Boutwell-Crane-Moseley Associates, consultants in publishing and education, N.Y., N.Y. This is his thirteenth year as a National Spelling Bee judge.

Dr. Robert Baker, Assistant Dean, School of Education for Advanced Graduate Studies, The George Washington University, is serving at his fifth Bee.

FINALS: 9:00 a.m.—Wednesday, June 5
9:00 a.m.—Thursday, June 6

Grand Ballroom, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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